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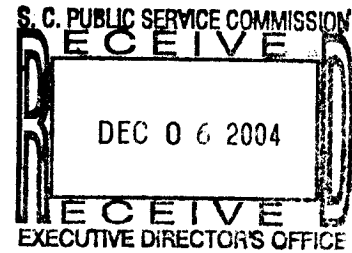
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The Honorable George N. Dorn, Jr.
Interim Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Application of MCI, Inc. for Expedited Approval of Merger
Docket No. 2004-319-C
Our File No. 04-7038

Dear Mr. Dorn:

Enclosed, per your request, are Affidavits of Publication of the required Notice as follows:

- (1) The State newspaper (Columbia, S.C.) published November 26, 2004;
- (2) The Post and Courier (Charleston, S.C.) published November 24, 2004;
- (3) The Greenville News (Greenville, S.C.) published November 24, 2004.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

WOODWARD, COTHRAN & HERNDON

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darra Cothran".

Darra W. Cothran
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DWC/bjd

Enclosures.

cc: Marsha Ward, Esquire

NOTICE OF

FILING

DOCKET NO.
2004-319-C

MCI, Inc. has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina a request that the assets and customer bases of SouthernNet Services, Inc. and SouthernNet of South Carolina be transferred to MCI WorldCom Network Services, Inc. This filing also contains a request that the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity held by the two SouthernNet companies be canceled. Also, MCI requests that MCI WorldCom Network Services, Inc. be allowed to conform its tariff to its current business practice of using Telecom*USA as a DBA for services related to SouthernNet of South Carolina, Inc. These matters have been requested to be handled on an expedited basis.

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, and is available from Darra W. Cothran, Esquire, Woodward, Cothran & Herndon, 1200 Main Street, Suite 600, Post Office Box 12399, Columbia, SC 29211.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before December 16, 2004 and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to Docket No. 2004-319-C.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below and Darra W. Cothran, Esquire at the above address, on or before December 16, 2004 and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to Docket No. 2004-319-C.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before December 16, 2004. Please refer to Docket No. 2004-319-C. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of

THE STATE-RECORD CO., INC.

Columbia, South Carolina

publisher of

The State

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

personally appeared before me, Peggy Lawrence, Advertising Sales Support Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

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was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

November 26, 2004

Peggy Lawrence

Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day November 30, 2004

Peggy F. Herndon

Notary Public

My commission expires
March 10, 2013

"Errors- the liability of the publisher on account of errors in or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion."

COTHRA N & HERNDON WOODWARD

P.O. Box 12399

Columbia SC 29211

Number of Copies: 1

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising Clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the City of Charleston, County and State aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(Copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

11/24/2004

at a cost of \$ 197.70

Account# 7999772WOO

Order# C250RKS8

P.O. Number:

Subscribed and sworn to before

me this 26th day

of November

A.D. 2004

Advertising Clerk

NOTARY PUBLIC, SC
My Commission expires

My Commission Expires 10/10/10

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
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